Programme to Develop Sea Beaches

1947. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have drawn up any programme to develop sea beaches in 9th Plan in order to attract domestic as well as foreign tourists;

(b) whether any step has been taken in that direction during 8th Plan;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether state-wise plan has been drawn up to develop sea beaches;

(e) if so, the fund earmaked by the Central Government for the purpose; and

(f) the details of the steps taken during 8th plan and proposed to be taken in 9th plan to develop tourist infrastructure in the sea beaches of orissa?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) the Department of Tourism has prepard a strategy paper for over all development of tourism in the country.

(b) and (c) Five coastal areas namely Bekal in kerala, Puri-Konark in orissa, Sindhu Durg in maharashtra, Diu in Daman & Diu and Muttu Kadu in Tamil Nadu have been identified as special Tourist areas during the 8th plan. It is primarily the responsibility of the State Govts. to develop these areas for tourists.

(d) and (e) State Govts. are required to prepare plans for the development of beaches. The Govt. of Kerala has drawn up a plan for the development of the Bekal Beach. Funds are released to State Govts. on the basis of the State Govt.'s detailed proposals.

(f) During the first four years of the 8th plan the Department of Tourism has sanctioned 7 projects amounting to Rs. 139:34 lakhs to Orissa for tourism infrastructure around beaches. The Deptt. in consultation with the state Govts. officials of Orissa identified eight project at an estimated cost of Rs. 250 lakhs for central financial assistance during 1996-97. Each year the projects are prioritised in consultation with State Govts. for Central Financial Assistace.

Amendment in Company Law

1948. SHRI MD. SALIM: Will the Minister of COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Government propose to amend the Company Law;

(b) if so, when; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Considering that it is widely acknowledged that the companies Act, 1956 needs to be re-written comprehensively, the Government has already constituted on 5.8.1996 a Working Group comprising persons with knowledge of law, economics and company affairs to prepare a new draft of the Companies Act, 1956 and make it ready for public debate by January, 1997.

In the meanwhile, the Government has also introduced the Companies (Amendment) Bill, 1996 in the Rajya Sabha on 10.9.1996 to carry-out some urgent amendments in the Companies Act, 1956 to provide for the following:—

(a) Companies defaulting on repayment of deposits earlier raised will be debarred from raising further deposits and making inter-corporate loans/investments.
(b) The present ceiling of Rs. 1000 on the claims of arrears of wages and salaries of employees in case of winding up of a company will be enhanced.
(c) Mutual Funds and venture capital funds will be permitted to vote in respect of their holdings in companies.
(d) Non-voting shares will be permitted upto 25% of the issued equity capital.
(e) Companies will be allowed to issue preference shares that are redeemable upto a maximum

period of 20 years from the date of issue.

(f) Companies will be permitted to change their object clauses in the memorandum without the approval of Company Law Board.

(g) Companies will be allowed to file documents with the registrar of Companies in computer floppies/diskettes.

(c) Does not arise.

Speedy issue of Identity Cards to Electors in Bihar

1949. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that only 12 percent electors have been supplied with defect free identity cards in the State of Bihar;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) details of funds provided to the State Government for issuing identity cards to the voters and the actual spending done by State Government for this purpose; and

(d) what action Government propose to take to ensure speedy issue of identity cards to electors in Bihar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) and (b) According to the information available with the Election Commission of India, 15.47% electors have been supplied with defect-free identity cards in the State of Bihar upto 27th September, 1996. Lack of awareness amongst electors, non-availability of migrant electors, administrative and other practical difficulties have been identified as the major reasons for the slow implementation of the scheme.

(c) The Central Government has, so far, provided a sum of Rs. 35,53,92,000/- to the State Government of Bihar for implementation of the scheme towards its share. The State Government of Bihar had upto 31st March, 1996 incurred an expenditure of Rs. 40,03,65,496/-

(d) The Election Commission of India is, from time to time, reviewing and monitoring the progress made by the State Government in implementation of the scheme of issue of identity cards.

सेंटॉर होटल द्वारा किया गया कारोबार

1950. **श्री गोपालसिंह जी० सोलंकी:** क्या नागर विमानन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) सेन्टॉर होटल दिल्ली द्वारा गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान किए गए कारोबार का वर्षवार ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ख) उक्त अवधि के दौरान उक्त कारोबार की तुलना मे कुल कितनी राशि का निवेश किया गया है;

(ग) क्या सेंटॉर होटल में निवेश करते समय एयर इंडिया द्वारा कतिपय विशेष दिशानिर्देशों का पालन किया गया है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है;

नागर विमानन मंत्री (श्री सी० एम० इब्राहिम): (क) और (ख) ब्यौरे निम्न प्रकार हैं:—

(लाखों रुपयों में)

वर्ष	राजस्व	निवेश
1993-94	1203.99	36.07
1994-95	1504.75	12.29
1995-96	2200.27	08.68

(ग) और (घ) भारतीय होटल निगम लिमिटेड एअर इंडिया की स्वामित्व वाली अनुषंगी इकाई है जिसमें 40.60 करोड़ रुपये की इक्विटी पूंजी का अंश एअर इंडिया का है।